Export of Coffee from India

Year	Qty. (Tonnes)	Value (Rs./Lakhs)
1991-92	1,11,457	34900.54
1992-93 (Provisional)	1,10,018	36930.02

Export of Coconut based Products

738. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of enquiries from foreign countries for the supply of coconut based products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to export coconut based products to foreign countries; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the present Export and Import Policy, export of coconut products is allowed freely with the exception of coconut oil export of which is subject to licensing.

Meeting with Tobacco Growers Delegation

739. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an all party delegation of F.C.V. tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh met the Prime Minister as well as him for redressal of their grievances;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to redress the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation submitted that the prices for the FCV tobacco at the auctions currently prevailing in Andhra Pradesh are low as compared to last year and they urged the Govt. to take urgent measures to help stabilise the market.

(c) The following steps have been taken :—

(i) An emergency meeting of the Tobacco Board was held on April 15, 1993 to take stock of the situation and consider ways to tackle it.

(ii) Balance of technical credit granted to the Russian Federation in 1992 has been ordered to be released;

(iii) The Tobacco Board has stepped up its efforts to export tobacco and tobacco products. The Chairman, Tobacco Board took a 9-member exporters' delega-